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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** 

1. (Original) A fluid transfer assembly for use in an infusion system, said assembly comprising: a

fluid container having an infusion fluid, a drug container having a medical substance, at least one

fluid barrier controlling fluid passage between said drug container and said fluid container, said

fluid container further comprising at least one inlet port for receiving said medical substance

from said drug container, said drug container further comprising a cap for sealing said drug

container, said at least one inlet port further comprising a first luer-lock connector, and said cap

further comprising a second luer-lock connector for attachment to said first luer-lock connector,

wherein said at least one fluid barrier is designed and arranged to be ruptured by an external force

to allow said fluid passage.

2. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said at least one inlet port further

comprising a first fluid duct between said fluid container and said first luer-lock connector,

wherein said fluid barrier is provided inside said first fluid duct.

3. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said cap further comprising a

protruding member forming a second fluid duct between said drug container and said second

luer-lock connector, wherein said fluid barrier is provided inside said second fluid duct.

4. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said inlet port further comprising a

first fluid duct between said fluid container and said first luer-lock connector, said cap further

comprising a protruding member forming a second fluid duct between said drug container and

said second luer-lock connector, and that fluid barriers are provided both inside said first and said

second fluid ducts.

5. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, wherein the second luer-lock

connector is attached directly to said cap.

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6. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, wherein the second luer-lock

connector is an integral part of said cap.

7. (Withdrawn) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said second luer-lock connector

further comprising a removable closure for protection before use.

8. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said second luer-lock connector

further comprising a pierceable closure for protection before use.

9. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said drug container further

comprising a neck, and said cap further comprising locking members for grasping said neck.

10. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said drug container further

comprising an opening sealed by a closure, and said cap further comprising a hollow needle for

penetrating said closure.

11. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said drug container further

comprising a neck, and said cap further comprising a protruding member attachable to said neck

by an annular capsule member.

12. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said drug container further

comprising a neck, said cap further comprising a protruding member forming a second fluid duct

between said drug container and said second luer-lock connector, and said cap further comprising

locking members for grasping said neck.

13. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said fluid barrier further

comprising a brittle polymer member dividable along a weakening line by said external force.

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14. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said walls of said inlet port being

made of a flexible material and forming a first fluid duct between said fluid container and said

first luer-lock connector, said fluid transfer assembly further comprising a first clamping member

able to compress said walls thereby closing said first fluid duct and preventing undesired fluid

passage between said fluid container and said first luer-lock connector.

15. (Currently Amended) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said cap further

comprising a protruding member forming a second fluid duct between said drug container and

said second luer-lock connector, said fluid transfer assembly further comprising a second

damping clamping member for compressing said protruding member, thereby closing said second

fluid duct and preventing undesirable fluid passage between said second luer-lock connector and

said drug container.

16. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said fluid container further

comprising a protruding, resilient tube, said first luer-lock connector of said at least one inlet port

being provided on a hollow spike member able to be firmly retained inside said tube.

17. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said at least one inlet port, in

addition to said first luer-lock connector, further comprising an infusion line attached thereto,

and said fluid transfer assembly further comprising a third clamping member for compressing

said infusion line, thereby preventing undesirable fluid passage there through.

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18. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said at least one inlet port

comprising a first fluid duct between said fluid container and said first luer-lock connector,

wherein said fluid barrier is provided inside said first fluid duct, said fluid container being

flexible and comprising a first polymer material, said first fluid duct being formed by walls

comprising a second polymer material, said first luer-lock connector comprising a third polymer

material, and said fluid barrier comprising a fourth polymer material, wherein said first and

second polymer materials are more flexible than said third polymer material, and said fourth

polymer material is more brittle than all of said first, second and third polymer materials.

19. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, said cap further comprising a

protruding member forming a second fluid duct between said drug container and said second

luer-lock connector, said fluid barrier being provided inside said second fluid duct, said drug

container comprising a rigid material, said protruding member comprising a more flexible

material than said second luer-connector and said drug container, and said fluid barrier

comprising a more brittle material than said drug container, said protruding portion, and said

second luer-lock connector.

20. (Original) The fluid transfer assembly according to claim 1, wherein the composition of said

drug container is selected from the group consisting of glass and a rigid polymer material.

21. (Original) A drug container for use in an infusion system, said drug container comprising: a

fixed dose of a medical substance, and a cap for sealing said drug container, said cap further

comprising a luer-lock connector for attachment to a corresponding connector provided on an

inlet port of a container for infusion fluid, thereby creating a luer-lock coupling.

22. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said cap further comprising a protruding

member forming a fluid duct between said drug container and said second luerconnector, wherein

fluid barrier able to be ruptured by an external force is provided inside said second fluid duct.

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23. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, wherein said luer-lock connector is

attached directly to said cap.

24. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, wherein said luer-lock connector is

integral with said cap.

25. (Withdrawn) The drug container according to claim 21, further comprising a removable

closure for protecting said second luer-lock connector.

26. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, further comprising a pierceable closure

for protecting said second luer-lock connector.

27. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said drug container further comprising a

neck, and said cap further comprising locking members for grasping said neck.

28. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said drug container further comprising

an opening sealed by a closure, and said cap further comprising a hollow needle for penetrating

said closure.

29. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said drug container further comprising a

neck, and said cap further comprising a protruding member able to be attached to said neck by an

annular capsule member.

30. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said drug container further comprising a

neck, said cap further comprising a protruding member forming a second fluid duct between said

drug container and said second luer-lock connector, and said cap further comprising locking

members for grasping said neck.

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31. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said cap further comprising a protruding

member encircling a fluid barrier of a brittle polymer member, said barrier able to be divided

along a weakening line by an external force.

32. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, said cap further comprising a protruding

member forming a fluid duct between said drug container and said luer-lock connector, wherein a

fluid barrier is provided inside said fluid duct, said drug container comprising a rigid material,

said protruding member comprising a more flexible material than said luer-lock connector and

said drug container, and said fluid barrier is made of a more brittle material than said drug

container, said protruding portion, and said luer-lock connector.

33. (Original) The drug container according to claim 21, wherein said drug container is made

from the group consisting of glass and a rigid polymer material.

34. (Withdrawn) A method for enabling fluid transfer in an infusion system, said method

comprising the steps of: providing a fluid container having an infusion fluid and a drug container

having a medical substance, said fluid container comprising at least one inlet port for receiving

said medical substance from said drug container, providing said infusion system with at least one

fluid barrier for controlling fluid passage between said drug container and said fluid container,

providing said fluid container with a first luer-lock connector on said inlet port, providing said

drug container with a cap comprising a second luer-lock connector, attaching said first luer-lock

connector to said second luer-lock connector by a luer-lock coupling, applying an external force

onto said fluid barrier, thereby opening said fluid passage, creating a positive pressure inside said

fluid container, transferring at least part of said positive pressure to said drug container via said

fluid passage, and removing said positive pressure from said fluid container, thereby initiating

transfer of said medical substance from said drug container to said fluid container.

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35. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34 further comprising the step of rupturing said

fluid barrier by twisting, bending, or squeezing material portions between said fluid container

and said first luer-lock connector.

36. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34 further comprising the step of rupturing said

fluid barrier by twisting, bending or squeezing material portions between said drug container and

said second luer-lock connector.

37. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34 wherein said drug container further

comprises a neck, and wherein said cap further comprises locking members, further comprising

the step of causing said locking members to grasp said neck, thereby attaching said cap

permanently to said drug container.

38. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, wherein said drug container further

comprises an opening sealed by a closure, and said cap further comprises a hollow needle, further

comprising the step of penetrating said closure with said hollow needle.

39. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34 further comprising the steps of: protecting

the second luer-lock connector by a removable closure, and removing said closure before

attaching said second luer-lock connector to said first luer-lock connector.

40. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34 further comprising the steps of: protecting

said second luer-lock connector by a pierceable closure, and piercing said closure when attaching

said second luer-lock connector to said first luer-lock connector.

41. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, wherein said drug container further

comprises a neck, and wherein said cap further comprises a protruding member, further

comprising the steps of providing an annular capsule member, and attaching said protruding

member to said neck by means of said annular capsule member in a drug container filling line.

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42. (Original) The method according to claim 34, wherein said fluid barrier further comprises a

brittle polymer member comprising at least one weakening line, further comprising the step of

dividing said brittle polymer member along said weakening line by means of said external force.

43. (Original) The method according to claim 34, wherein said walls of said inlet port further

comprise a flexible material, further comprising the steps of: forming a first fluid duct between

said fluid container and said first luer-lock connector inside said flexible material, and providing

a first clamping member and compressing said walls, thereby closing said first fluid duct and

preventing undesirable fluid passage between said fluid container and said first luer-lock

connector.

44. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, wherein said cap further comprises a

protruding member forming a second fluid duct between said drug container and said second

luer-lock connector, further comprising the steps of: providing a second damping member, and

compressing said protruding member, thereby closing said second fluid duct and preventing

undesirable fluid passage between said second luer-lock connector and said drug container.

45. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, wherein said fluid container further

comprises a protruding, resilient tube, further comprising the steps of: providing a hollow spike

member exhibiting said first luer-lock connector, and inserting said hollow spike member into

said resilient tube.

46. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34 further comprising the steps of: attaching an

infusion line to said inlet port in addition to said first luer-lock connector, and providing a third

clamping member for compressing said infusion line, thereby preventing undesirable fluid

passage there through.

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47. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, wherein said fluid container comprises a

flexible first polymer material, further comprising the steps of: forming walls of a second

polymer material into a first fluid duct between said fluid container and said first luer-lock

connector, wherein said first luer-lock connector further comprises a third polymer material,

wherein said fluid barrier further comprises a fourth polymer material, arranging said fluid

barrier inside said first fluid duct, selecting said first and second polymer materials to be more

flexible than said third polymer material, and selecting said fourth polymer material to be more

brittle than all of said first, second and third polymer materials.

48. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, wherein said drug container further

comprises a rigid material, and wherein said cap further comprises a protruding member, thereby

forming a second fluid duct between said drug container and said second luer-lock connector,

further comprising the steps of: accommodating said fluid barrier inside said second fluid duct,

selecting a more flexible material for said protruding member than for said second luer-lock

connector and said drug container, and selecting a more brittle material for said fluid barrier than

for said drug container, said protruding portion, and said second luer-lock connector.

49. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 34, further comprising the step of making said

drug container from the group consisting of glass and a rigid polymer material.